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CIA agent wins review of firing

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WASHINGTON, March 15—The government's cloak and dagger Central Intelligence Agency today agreed to review its action in dismissing one of its agents from South Orange, N. J., for marrying an Irish colleen.

The decision by the CIA came in the wake of congressional demands from both sides of Capitol Hill for an explanation of the dismissal notice handed to Juan Ryan early this week.

A spokesman for the top

secret intelligence agency said Ryan would meet with its deputy director tomorrow for a full review of the case. Rep. Hugh Addonizio of Newark, who took up the fight to have Ryan reinstated in his job, called it a "new and desirable" turn in the case.

Ryan was dismissed but given 90 days in which to find another job after marrying a non-citizen Irish immigrant last month. The marriage had been approved by the CIA after its security agents had investigated Mrs. Ryan and

cleared her as a security risk before the wedding.

Two congressional committees, the Senate Committee on Constitutional Rights and the House Armed Services Committee, added their objections to Addonizio's early today.

Rep. Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.), chairman of the House group, and a representative of the Senate committee, both asked the CIA to state what authority it had used in firing Ryan for marrying a non-citizen.

"I am unaware of the authority which either requires or

justifies this action," Vinson said. "I have made inquiry of the CIA and will be pleased to do all I properly can do in regard to this case."

Ryan's wife came to America two years ago under regular immigration procedures. He has been employed by the CIA since last August when he entered the agency's junior officer training program.

Before his marriage, Ryan requested permission to wed and it was granted after the security check was made into his wife's background. Since

that time, however, the agency instituted a policy of dismissing any employee who married a non-citizen.

Addonizio attacked the decision to fire Ryan on grounds that it had been made after the new policy had been put into effect, and after Mrs. Ryan had been cleared.

But today he hailed the pending review of the case as the only "natural and honest" course the CIA could take. He said he was confident the review would bear out Ryan's fitness for his post and that the dismissal notice would be rescinded.

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